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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Geography Division, ORR

Project Initiation Memorandum

Project No.: 63.1831

Date: 12 October 1960

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Government Role of Geography and Related Earth Sciences in Communist Eastern Europe.
2. Statement of Problem: A study will be made of the current programs and activities in geography and related earth sciences in Communist Eastern European countries for intelligence reference use. Tentative outline is attached.
3. Requester: Self-initiated
4. Responsible Analysts: GG/C Staff.
5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired: Biographic information on East European geographers, geodists, and other scientists will be requested of Biographic Register. Translations of relevant documents will be requested from Foreign Documents Division.
6. Estimated Man Hours in D/GG: 200
7. Probable Completion Date: Open
8. Probable Form of Final Publication: CIA/RR GR
9. Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report: To be determined.

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Outline for PN 63.1881,
Government Role of Geography and Related Earth Sciences
in Communist Eastern Europe

I. Work in support of civilian planning

a. Resource inventory

1. Surveys of soils, climate, geology, minerals, etc.
2. Publications -- maps, atlases, monographs, etc.

b. Urban and regional planning

c. Regional studies (regionalization)

II. Work in support of military planning

a. Military geographic studies

b. Topographic mapping

1. Domestic

2. Foreign

III. Geography and related earth sciences in the international field.

a. Intra-Bloc coordination -- implication for CEMA, etc.

b. In the Bloc penetration effort in underdeveloped areas.

c. International expeditions -- Antarctica, Svalbard, etc.

d. Significance of international activities for increasing Sov-Bloc capabilities, political-economic influence, data collection, etc.

A separate section will be devoted to each country: Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania, and Yugoslavia.

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